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Thanks for the follow up. The Air Program is working with the state to monitor ambient air, I will check on the status today.

Ms. Schilke called me today and insisted that her health problems were caused by germanium. She found some paper on effects from supplements used in cancer treatment. I tried to explain to her that those exposures were extremely high and though ingestion and not really relevant to her situation. She adamantly disagreed and said she was going to seek chelation therapy. I also emphasized for her to work with her physician to manage her symptoms until we can work with with the state to get air monitoring data.

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▼ Michelle Watters---12/13/2010 09:25:35 AM---Kristen, I spoke to Ms. Schilke on Thursday afternoon (December 9, 2010). She had faxed me her labor

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Kristen,  
I spoke to Ms. Schilke on Thursday afternoon (December 9, 2010). She had faxed me her laboratory data and we discussed her findings. We discussed her health issues and I told her that since they were primarily related to the respiratory system, that potentially an inhalational exposure could exacerbate any underlying cause or with chronic lower level exposures cause some symptoms. I pointed out that germanium had low toxicity with the primary target organ being the kidney not the lungs--although I agreed that germanium was an unusual finding (her kidney function tests were within normal limits). I also provided her a perspective on her arsenic lab results--it was adjusted for creatinine and unspeciaded, so was more on the high end of the background range. I encouraged her to continue working with her PCP on the etiology and management of her illness. I told her that she or her PCP could call if they had other questions or if she has any follow-up lab tests for metals that she wants to discuss. I told her that

I would follow up with you on the possibility of air monitoring in the area--has there been any progress?  
Michelle

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▼ Kristen Keteles---12/06/2010 08:20:29 AM---Michelle, I had two vms from Jacki Schilke this weekend. She does not trust her pcg and would like t

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Michelle,

I had two vms from Jacki Schilke this weekend. She does not trust her pcg and would like to speak to you directly about her health concerns. Are you willing to speak to her? If so her home number is 701-826-9069 and cell phone is 701-570-5755.

Thanks,

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